

# FOOD STAMP REPAYMENT NOTICE FOR INADVERTENT HOUSEHOLD ERRORS ONLY

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice Date : \_\_\_\_\_  
Case Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Number : \_\_\_\_\_  
Worker Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Number : \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_  
Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(ADDRESSEE)

Questions? Ask your Worker.

**State Hearing:** If you think this action is wrong, you can ask for a hearing unless you already had a hearing on the amount you owe. The back of this page tells how. Your benefits may not be changed if you ask for a hearing before this action takes place.

You or a member of your household made a mistake.

Too many Food Stamps were issued to:

- ☐ You.  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_, whom you sponsor.

Here's why:

You must repay the extra Food Stamps.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ in extra Food Stamps were issued for the period \_\_\_\_\_ . This amount was reduced by \$\_\_\_\_\_ because we owed the household benefits from past months or we received repayment of part of the amount owed. You now owe \$\_\_\_\_\_ .

- You do not have to use any Social Security or SSI benefits you get to repay this overissuance.

**Rules:** These rules apply. You may review them at your welfare office: MS 63-801.21

YOU MUST EITHER:

- Pay in full, or
- Sign the Repayment Agreement and pay as agreed.
  - Complete, sign and return the enclosed Repayment Agreement (DFA 377.7C).
  - Your repayment agreement will be based on your current ability to pay as figured by the county. Any changes in your ability to pay may change your monthly payments.
- ☐ If you do not sign and return the agreement within 30 days after the date of this notice the amount of Food Stamps you get will be reduced to \$\_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_ .
- If you do not agree to pay, the county may use other ways of collecting the amount owed such as through the courts.
- If this inadvertent household error is later found to be an intentional program violation, penalties will apply even if you agree to pay back what you owe.
- If the county sues you for the amount due, you may also be required to pay court costs.
- If you do not pay the amount owed, the county may take your state income tax refund and/or ask the court to attach your wages or any property you own.

**Warning:** If you believe this overissuance is wrong, this is your last chance to ask for a hearing. If you stay on food stamps the county can lower your food stamps to collect the overissuance. If you go off food stamps before the overissuance is paid back, the county may take what you owe out of your income tax refund.